

The Intelligencer.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1872.

Republican State Convention.

The undersigned is directed by the Republican State Committee to call upon the voters of the Republican party in West Virginia to send delegates to a Convention to be held at Grafton, on the 10th day of May next, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Republican Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 15th day of next June, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may then seem appropriate. The Committee are upon the Republicans of the State the importance of a full attendance at the State Convention.

The Committee recommend that in each county, unless other arrangements are made by the Executive Committee of the County Convention, the delegates to the State Convention, on Saturday, the 11th day of May next, to choose delegates to the State Convention. That each County Convention shall have a committee that may exist in the County Executive Committee, or that a full list of the committee may be reported at the State Convention.

C. W. B. ALMON, Chairman State Executive Committee.

Wheeling, March 20, 1872.

The Valley Railway.

A company was some time since chartered to build a railway from Cleveland, in this direction, upon the Cuyahoga Valley, to Bowertown, on the Panhandle Road. The projectors of the Wheeling & Lake Erie road have looked upon the undertaking with much interest, inasmuch as meeting their road at the point named and thus making a direct line from this city to Cleveland, considerably shorter than the C. & P. road affords, it would be a valuable feeder to this end of the W. & L. E. road. The route contemplated, upon the Cuyahoga Valley, is an easy one, and the country traversed very rich in various kinds of mineral wealth and in agricultural resources.

Wednesday the corporators of this Valley Railway Company held a meeting in Cleveland and elected the following directors: JAMES FAIRMOR, N. P. JAYNE and A. STONE, of Cleveland; J. A. SEXTON and GEO. COLE, of Canton; D. L. KING and J. F. SHERIDAN, of Akron. These gentlemen will meet at the Weddell House, in Cleveland, for the election of officers, on the 6th of May. It is presumed that Mr. FAIRMOR, who is the soul of the enterprise and an experienced and capable railroad man, will be chosen President. Of the prospects of this undertaking, the Cleveland Herald of Thursday says:

"The prospects of the enterprise are such that it may almost be declared a certainty that the road will be built. Of course so great a project cannot be started in a day, but the necessity of the road is daily more generally recognized, and while Cleveland is, as usual, a little backward in subscribing to the stock, there is no doubt that the necessary amount will be raised. Akron, Canton and other places along the line have done well, and that promptly, and now the enterprise only waits upon Cleveland."

DEATH OF DR. KIDWELL.—Dr. ZEDER KIDWELL, of Fairmont, died at his home in that place at 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning. His father, ZEDER KIDWELL, came from Eastern Virginia to the Northwest about the time the Northwestern Virginia turnpike was made; was a bridge builder and built several of the bridges on that road. He had several sons, all of whom we believe are now dead (victims of consumption) except one who is now a druggist in Washington city.

In the ante-bellum times Dr. KIDWELL took a prominent part in the political affairs of Northwestern Virginia. He was a member of Congress for two or three terms from this district, was for many years a member of the Virginia Board of Public Works and of the Virginia Legislature. He was always a Democrat and personally popular with his party. He sympathized with the rebellion and went off South early in 1861 and remained about Richmond, in some official position most of the time, believing, till the end of the war, coming back to his old home after it was over, wrecked in his political fortunes and broken down in health.

A PARAGRAPH has been going around through the Democratic press that "the amount of money plundered from the people of this country by the Internal Revenue Department in 1871 was \$18,375,882.92; and that the expense of assessing and collecting this tax was \$7,225,392.50, or forty per cent. The statement shows either lamentable ignorance or dishonesty. These eighteen millions are the proceeds of the income tax alone while the seven millions cover the cost of assessing and collecting the entire internal revenue. This for 1871 was \$148,000,153.63, and the cost of collecting it \$7,075,187.17, less than five per cent."

All taxes are unpleasant. The income tax is one of the most odious that has ever been imposed in this country. It was necessary during the war, and was cheerfully paid; it is not necessary now; and although it expires with this year, by its own limitation, it should have been repealed before. But it is hardly necessary to charge upon it the expense of assessing and collecting the entire internal revenue, of which this offensive tax contributed but an eighth.

The Secretary of War will be getting disgusted with investigations are long, we fear. Having already been favored with two very harassing ones on the arms-sale question, he is now treated to a third by the House of Representatives, the object being to ascertain how the mischief it came about that the record of the Bull Court martial was spirited away from the War Department so mysteriously. The curiosity of the House on this subject was doubtless stimulated by the fact that the Secretary only a few weeks since assured that body that the records which he had on hand concerning this particular case were so voluminous that a very numerous army of clerks would be required to copy it.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that "if CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS is nominated for President he will be a man without a drop of Democratic blood in his veins." Yet the New York World and Cincinnati Enquirer both declare their willingness to support him.

THE VIRGINIA DEBT.

Richmond Legislation Looking to Repudiation.

To the Editors of the Intelligencer.

I notice in the issue of the Register of the 18th, a communication from Richmond, Va., giving news from that city, and noting, particularly, the legislation of the State relative to the "West Virginia certificates," and as much abuse has been indulged in toward your State for her action regarding the Virginia State debt, (as I think unjustly,) I propose to show what is the real attitude of old Virginia toward her proportion of the debt, and I think that she should put to blush the defamers of your State.

In doing this I speak from facts exhibited in legislation, and in the certain testimony of the people, not from uncertain data or blinded prejudice. I was a close observer of the proceedings of the Legislature just closed, and am convinced that the most casual observer of those proceedings can entertain only a slim hope for the bondholders. From the first day of the session the majority of both houses used every means, mode and device, to avoid the payment of interest upon any portion of the debt, though they attempted to conceal their purpose, but having been met, at every step, by a brave and determined minority, and by the Governor with his veto power, and threats of the same, they were forced to outgrow compromise, by the terms of which they agreed to pay for the present year, four per cent (instead of six per cent, as their coupons required), upon two-thirds of the debt, in consideration whereof the minority were to assist them to repeal the coupon feature of the "Funding bill," so far as the receiptability for taxes and public demands, and maturity were concerned. This feature was regarded by them as the backbone of the "Funding bill," and with this broken, they would be on the high road for the attainment of their grand object. The compact was accepted and sealed by action.

They would not have voted any appropriation, but the money was already in the treasury, collected for the purpose, and they did not desire to unlock their real purpose. As successful revolutions are always approached gradually, they declared publicly and privately, that they would not be bound by this compromise longer than the present year, thereby evidencing, and many declaring, their determination to vote to repeal the "Funding bill." In plain terms, having inserted the "wedge," they were bold to hope that the "chopping" would be continued until the whole difficulty would be removed, though it would place Virginia credit in ruin, clothed and draped in the mantle of black repudiation.

And now to another piece of legislation which was passed authorizing a reassessment of lands in the Commonwealth (though one had only been completed the last year), the reason assigned for which was, that the lands were assessed too highly (though ample redress against erroneous assessments in the former bill, under which the lands had been properly assessed, had been provided for). The real object was to reduce the value of the lands, knowing that they were but "keeping time" to the continuing demoralization of the people, and knowing that the assessments would be greatly reduced. No one estimates this reduction at less than twenty per cent, and it will occasion great reduction in the revenue. The total land tax for the year 1871, was \$1,300,297.53, and if we deduct from this amount twenty per cent, there remains \$1,040,238.03, of which one-fifth is absolutely required by the Constitution of the State, to be expended, exclusively, for public free school purposes, so that we will have as the total amount of revenue, to arise from the real estate, for the present year, available for general purposes, the paltry sum of \$832,176.03.

Upon careful estimates, under the present tax bill, we have found that there will only be the grand total, after deducting the portion required to be appropriated to public school purposes, of \$1,471,043.36, from which deducting the appropriations for the year, to-wit, \$1,271,938.75, we have only the sum of \$199,104.61, as the amount, with which the General Assembly of Virginia propose to pay interest in 1873, upon a debt of which they have assumed \$34,000,000.00. Does this not look like holding out the cup of Tantalus to creditors? And does not Virginia stand, in this matter, in a much worse light, than she claims that your State does?

Again, the present amount in the treasury is the accumulation of several years, and not alone of last year, when the revenue was accumulated, in part, when there were no public schools; and all departments of State were curtailed and lopped, and also when all the property, license and capitation taxes went to general expenses. Now the whole capitation taxes, and one-fifth of all the license and property taxes, go to the schools, while the expenses of the executive, judicial and legislative departments have increased to an extent alarming and monstrous, exceeding anything ever known before, and worse still, they increase yearly.

Again, the vast accumulated ante-bellum debts, with the costs and expenses of litigation, grind down and oppress the people, and give rise to a clamor for relief, in any way, changing their way under the tutelage of designing men, to the public burdens. The moral tone of the people, their high sense of honor, and their high aspirations, are rapidly becoming things of the past, under these influences.

The people claim that the debt of the State was contracted when they owned \$245,000,000 of slaves, which was taken away from them without any compensation. They are told that most of the debt is held in the North by those who fattened and feasted while they drank the bitterest cups of misery. Under these influences it is not difficult to tell the public sentiment of the State, and I hesitate not to say, in the light and presence of these facts, that it is heartily and entirely in favor of relief by repudiating the debt, and in the largest part of it. Policy, they say, may dictate another course, but necessity demands this.

It was with great difficulty that the Legislature could be induced to pass any tax bill, for the reason that those who favored the payment of interest sought new subjects of taxation, while those who opposed payment determined to oppress new subjects and to reduce those existing. As was usual during the session, after a long and fierce conflict, the party who favored the death of the debt triumphed, and a tax bill containing the most remarkable features ever seen or known and yielding, designedly, less revenue than the former one was the result.

The Legislature disposed of, very summarily, of what are known as the "West Virginia certificates," by declaring that Virginia would never pay any portion of them, and this, too, by an overwhelming vote. Now, no one in his sober senses can claim, or ever dreamed that your State owes one-third of the debt, and if this Legislature, openly and without inquiry, but because they think that public opinion was in favor of repudiating the debt, they must be a majority who suppose their interest in regard to the remainder, to be any other than that indicated in this communication. These certificates are in a peculiar condition, for, by the terms of their issue, Virginia, became the trustee and conduit, through whom, West Virginia should pay her portion to the holders. But the creditors are now to look to the bondholder, and not to the State, for payment of these certificates, at the counter of the West Virginia treasury. It must come to Richmond, where they will be sent

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The object of this suit is to attach the property of the said Mark Lewis, in the hands of the possession of the said Daniel Lamb, Trustee, and subject the same to the plaintiff's demand, which is for \$2,000.

It appearing from an affidavit filed in the cause that the defendant is not a resident of the State of West Virginia, it is ordered that the above appear here within one month after the date of the first publication of this order and do what is required by law.

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